

EMPLOYEE NEWS



Bamberg County Newsletter

October —December 2018

Bamberg County Emergency Services Receives National Guard Recognition

On October 12, 2018, South Carolina National Guard presented Bamberg County Emergency Management staff with a Certificate of Appreciation. SC National Guard Second Lieutenants Micah Weaver and Tre Bowman presented Brittany Barnwell, Director, Tiffany Kemmerlin, Administrative Assistant, and Taurean Washington, Addressing Technician, with Certificates of Appreciation for their work during Hurricane Florence.

The Bamberg County Emergency Management staff were individually recognized for their support and dedication during the response efforts for Hurricane Florence. Second Lieutenants Weaver and Bowman spent several days assisting Bamberg County during Hurricane Florence. Weaver and Bowman proved to be valuable assets to the Emergency Management department throughout the storm, often staffing the Emergency Operations Center overnight. Weaver and Bowman also coordinated efforts between Bamberg County and the SC National Guard.

"Bamberg County Emergency Services is grateful for this recognition from the SC National Guard," stated Brittany Barnwell, Emergency Services Director. "While the impacts from Hurricane Florence were not as severe as predicted, Bamberg County was prepared for the storm. Bamberg County extends our gratitude to the SC National Guard for their assistance and this certificate. This recognition from the SC National Guard highlights that Bamberg County has a capable and prepared Emergency Management staff and team."



Bamberg County Emergency Management staff with 2nd Lts Weaver and Bowman

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Congratulations! We would like to recognize you for your dedication and loyal years of service. We appreciate your commitment and contribution to our success. All recipients are invited to the Courthouse Annex-Council Chambers Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m. for lunch and the awards presentation.

First Name	Last Name	Department	TENURE
Reverend Isaiah	Odom	County Council	40 Years
Joseph H.	Guess	County Council	5 Years
Kerry Trent	Kinard	County Council	5 Years
Rose R.	Shepherd	Clerk to Council	30 Years
J. Edward	Darnell	Sheriff	40 Years
Candace L.	Wroten	Sheriff Office	10 Years
Amanda	Jeffers	Dispatching	3 Years
Theressa E.	Laurey	Dispatching	5 Years
Brenda	Daniels	Magistrate Court	10 Years
Thomas M.	Thomas	Finance	10 Years
Joyce H.	Dwight	Clerk of Court	15 Years
Michelle M.	Kinsey	Probate Court	5 Years
Jerry E.	Johnson	Public Works/Landfill	3 Years
Mason A.	Mobley	Public Works/Landfill	3 Years
Benjamin E.	Moore	Public Works/Landfill	3 Years
Donnie L.	Ayer	Public Works/Landfill	5 Years
Evelyn	Collins	Public Works/Landfill	5 Years
Lillie Marie	Smith	Public Works/Landfill	5 Years
Johnnie	Williams, Jr.	Public Works/Landfill	10 Years
Paul A.	Murden, Jr.	Public Works/Landfill	15 Years
Dorothy B.	Walker	Public Works/Landfill	15 Years
John E.	Johnson	Public Works/Landfill	30 Years
Lewis F.	Brown	Detention Center	3 Years
LaTonya R.	Broxton	Detention Center	5 Years
Norman	Bozard	Assessor Office	20 Years

Christmas Angels Sponsors Needed

Bamberg County HR Committee is "adopting" seniors at Pruitt Healthcare in Bamberg for the Christmas season.

We are requesting that departments consider sponsoring a senior or two (a gift list will be provided for each senior, gifts are expected to be no more than \$20 per senior).

We will visit the seniors in December for a short party after work (at 5 p.m.). We need volunteers who are interested in attending the party and also providing snacks and paper goods.

Please email the HR committee if your department can participate.

Welcome New Bamberg County Employee

Join us in welcoming Kimberly Branham!

Clerk of Court, Pedie Hiers, added a new employee to his department! Kimberly Branham was hired as Registrar of Deeds Clerk

Kimberly currently lives in Cope, SC but graduated from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. She has worked in many law-related positions as a paralegal in Georgia and South Carolina.

Please give Kimberly a warm welcome to Bamberg County when you see her in the Courthouse!



Employee of the Quarter

Nominations Requested

Bamberg County HR Committee is accepting nominations for Employee of the Quarter.

Nominations are reviewed by a subcommittee and the winner is submitted for approval by the entire committee.

Please consider nominating a worthy Bamberg County colleague for this award. Winners will be recognized by Bamberg County Council and receive a certificate and Visa gift card.

Nomination forms are available on SharePoint, in the employee breakroom (Courthouse Annex) or can be emailed upon request.



Sgt. Lessie Meeks

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Sgt. Lessie Meeks, Bamberg County Detention Center, was selected as this quarter's Bamberg County Employee of the Quarter! Sgt. Meeks was nominated by Lt. Ashley Woods, her coworker at the Detention Center. Her nomination form stated, "Sgt. Meeks went above and beyond during Hurricane Michael to assure that the inmates would have adequate food and water." Woods continued that Sgt Meeks is "always prompt, never leaves a task undone, and always works well with others." Her excellent work ethic is a model to the other officers in the Detention Center.

Sgt. Meeks has worked for the Detention Center for almost 26 years! She plans to retire in June 2019 and will be greatly missed by all.

Congratulations to Sgt. Meeks! She will receive a plaque and gift card at the December 3, 2018 Bamberg County Council Meeting. Bamberg County thanks you for making Bamberg County a better place to live and work!



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SC Implements Real ID

SC residents need a REAL ID driver's license or identification card if you plan to board a domestic, commercial flight, enter a secure federal building, or visit a military installation on and after October 1, 2020 and you do not have another federally approved identification (valid US Passport or military ID) to use for those purposes.

You do not need a REAL ID driver's license or identification card to do any of the following: Drive, Vote, Apply for or receive federal benefits for which you're entitled (Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, etc.), Enter a federal facility that does not require an ID (i.e. a post office), Access a hospital or receive life-saving services, or Participate in law enforcement proceedings or investigations (serve on a federal jury, testify in federal court, etc.).

If you have a valid US Passport, military ID, or another federal identification that's accepted to pass airport security, you may use this instead. You may be able to purchase your REAL ID driver's license online. Not everyone is eligible for purchasing their REAL ID online. Check this website for your eligibility: <http://www.scdmvonline.com/-/driver-services/>

Halloween in Bamberg County!

Trick-or-Treaters were welcomed into the Annex for treats on Halloween!



Upcoming Dates

Nov 5: County Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Nov 6: Election Day

Nov 12: Veteran's Day, Offices Closed

Nov 22-23: Bamberg County Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 3: County Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Dec 4: Christmas Angel Donations Due

Dec 11: Service Award Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

Dec 24-26: Bamberg County Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

Bamberg County HR Committee members: Tiffany Kemmerlin (Chair), Mary Tilton (Secretary), Misty Cook, Doretta Elliott, Melissa Waltz, Sue Sunday, Eddie Williams, Jr., Brenda Daniels, Latarcha Wilson
Ex-Officio: Thomas Thomas, Rose Shepherd, and Ruthie Brown

Congratulations to Victim Advocate Coordinator Kelly Jo Lawson!

Bamberg County victim advocate Kelly Jo Lawson and Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) game warden for Bamberg County Daniel Lynch are getting married at Pine Island on Lake Murray in Columbia SC on November 24th, 2018. They will honeymoon in Exuma, Bahamas. They are residents of Ehrhardt, SC.

Congratulations to Kelly Jo and Daniel!



Kelly and Daniel at Woodland Plantation



Kelly Jo Lawson and Daniel Lynch are engaged at Pretty Place Chapel.

Employee Birthdays and Other Updates

Sept Birthdays (just added!)

Sept 8—Sheriff Darnell
Sept 13—Keith Moore
Sept 21-Ashley Woods

November Birthdays

Nov 2—Thomas Thomas
Nov 7—Brandi Napier
Nov 9—Pedie Hiers
Nov 10—Sharon Williams

October Birthdays

Oct 2-Roy Brooks
Oct 21-Gale Black
Oct 21- Lewis Brown
Oct 25-Tracy Whitt
Oct 28-Melissa Waltz
Oct 29-Norman Bozard

December Birthdays

Dec 1—Kerry Kinard
Dec 3—Gina Smith
Dec 5—Rose Shepherd
Dec 29—Candace Wroten

On **October 17, 2018**, **Joyce Dwight** celebrated her wedding anniversary! We wish you many more!

Bamberg County Courthouse Annex

Telephone Directory

The names and extensions of employees in the Bamberg County Courthouse Annex are listed below.

•Administration Office

Rose Shepherd extension 2103

•Assessor's Office

Terra Brown extension 2120

April Campbell extension 2122

Jordan Osborne extension 2121

Doretta Elliott extension 2119

•Auditor's Office

Brandi Napier extension 2129

Nancy Hiers extension 2118

Margaret Meyer extension 2117

•Building/Code Enforcement

Bill Johnson extension 2601

•Delinquent Tax

Angela Nobles extension 2113

Sharon Williams extension 2112

•Finance/Accounting

Gina Smith extension 2102

Thomas Thomas extension 2131

•Human Resources

Ruthie Brown extension 2101

•Magistrate

Brenda Daniels extension 2401

Ed Freeman extension 2404

Wanda Johnson extension 2402

•Rural Fire

Paul Eubanks extension 2602

•Treasurer

Gale Black extension 2160

Candace Fralix extension 2115

Alice Johnson extension 2114

Sue Sunday extension 2116

•Voter Registration/Elections

Melinda Johnson extension 2104

Amber Davis extension 2133





Upcoming Events and Holidays

NOVEMBER

General Election	Tuesday, November 6
Veteran's Day (Observed)	Monday, November 12 (CLOSED)
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 22 & 23 (CLOSED)
Decorate for Christmas	Monday, November 26

DECEMBER

Distribute Christmas Checks	Friday, November 30 @ 11AM
County Council Meeting	Monday, December 3 @ 6:30PM
Christmas Angels Donations	Due Tuesday, December 4
Service Awards/Luncheon	Tuesday, December 11 @ 11:30AM
Christmas Holidays	December 24, 25 & 26 (CLOSED)

JANUARY

New Year's Holiday	Tuesday, January 1, 2019 (CLOSED)
County Council Meeting	Monday, January 7 @ 6:30PM
HR Committee Meeting	Tuesday, January 8 @ 11AM
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 21 (CLOSED)